



# *Committee on Employment Opportunities*

February 24, 2016 – 7:00 PM - **Minutes**

City Hall, 133 William Street, City Council Chamber, Room 214

**MEETING: COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 24, 2016**

**TIME: 7:00 P.M.**

**PLACE: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 214, MUNICIPAL BUILDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLORS JOSEPH LOPES, CHAIRMAN; IAN ABREU, VICE CHAIRMAN; STEVEN MARTINS; JAMES OLIVEIRA; DANDA REBEIRO**

**ABSENT: No One**

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Councillor Lopes call the Employment Opportunities Meeting to order and took attendance, there was no one was absent.

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On motion by Councillor Martins and seconded by Councillor Oliveira, the Committee VOTED: To follow the Chair's recommendation and take "No Further Action" on items one (1), two (2), three (3) and four (4). This motion passed on a voice vote. They are as follows:

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Martins, requesting, Buddy Andrade, Derek Santos and any other member of the Economic Development Council be invited to the next Special Committee on Employment Opportunities Meeting to discuss updates on the offshore wind industry and to discuss jobs in the City of New Bedford.(Ref'd 01/08/15) (1)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Related Motion, Councillor Martins, that the Committee on Employment Opportunities look to schedule a meeting at the Greater New Bedford Career Center and meet with Staff and Leadership to have a discussion on any challenges they have with employers from New Bedford who receive a TIF and are required to use the Career Center; and furthermore, to review the report provided by the Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board on how many hires come through the Career Center within the last five years as provided in the Written Motion before this one; furthermore, that the discussion also include a review of the agreement with the Career Center to see if we need to strengthen the language so New Bedford companies follow through and utilize the Career Center for hires.(Ref'd 4/15/15) (2)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting the Mayor Mitchell, along with our State Delegation, including Senator Montigny, our Federal Delegation, including Congressman Keating and Senator Warren, look at the proposed fifty million dollar South Terminal Project that has been granted to the City of New Bedford to see if the Project Labor Agreement contract can be amended in any way to provide local jobs to local residents, this contract has no provisions to hire local workers and should be

looked at to see if it can be amended to guarantee at least a percentage of jobs to local residents in this area.(Ref'd 1/10/13) (3)

Notice, City Clerk of reference of a Written Motion, Councillor Gomes, requesting that the Special Committee on Employment Opportunities send a letter to Little Debbie/McKee Foods Corporation, issuing an invitation to the company to visit the City of New Bedford for the purposes of touring the former Sunbeam Bread Company located at 229 Coffin Avenue, and also to meet with the Special Committee on Employment Opportunities to discuss the possibilities of the company expanding its operations to New Bedford to produce their line of products; and further, that an invitation also be sent to Matthew Morrissey Director, Economic Development Council asking for his participation in this venture.(Ref'd 3/14/13) (4)

Councillor Oliveira made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councillor Abreu.

This meeting adjourned @ 7:01 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Clerk of Committees